



# Turf at Park:

## BENEFITS AND FAQs

***Turf is a valuable programmatic investment in line with our commitment to the whole child. And, we have planned this project with environmental and health and safety considerations at the forefront of our decisions.***

- The addition of a turf field will **enhance Park's whole child program**, benefitting athletics, PE, and recess. PE and recess are, of course, essential to the daily experience of every Park student, and athletics is an important co-curricular program that fosters the attributes of the Park Portrait, while building community and strengthening school culture.
- Strong athletics programs at Park are also **key to supporting equity**, ensuring that students have access to robust after school athletic opportunities right here at Park without having to pursue costly extracurricular experiences elsewhere.
- Further, data shows that **scholars with strong co-curricular profiles** are more successful in the secondary school process.
- Park's new field will be constructed by Sprinturf, a leading turf innovator and the only company to manufacture entirely in the United States. Sprinturf has **complete control over their supply chain** and all materials have been independently tested revealing no detectable PFAS chemicals in their product.
- Park's field will utilize BrockFILL, an **organic, sustainably harvested wood particle infill that absorbs water and cools naturally through evaporation, like soil**, unlike some turf fields that trap heat with crumb rubber infill.
- Turf is **recyclable** at the end of its life; currently recycled in Europe, a recycling center coming soon to the U.S. is expected to be inline before our turf exhausts its lifespan.
- While Park is replacing the Goddard/Faulkner Field, the new turf field will accompany our three existing playing fields — the Main Field, Upper North Field and Lower North Field — helping us **improve and sustain the health of those grass fields** by lessening the burden on them, allowing time for rest and recovery, so they will thrive.
- Some trees — many of which are dead or diseased — will be removed during construction. We are planting **more than 50 new trees** in the scope of this project.
- While earlier generations of synthetic turf have been linked to knee injuries, product evolution has dramatically enhanced safety. Park's field will include **fully recyclable** padding, ensuring that the GMax value will be **equal to or better than that of the natural surfaces** we currently have.



Aerial view



View from the access road